

Green Business Best Management Practices

Green Automobile Service Garages

Please use the following sustainability practices as a guide when assessing your service garage and creating an environmental management plan.

Pollution Prevention

- Minimize the liquids you use and discharge. Clean up spills immediately and use dry clean-up practices.
- Cut out the use of absorbent (kitty litter, rice hulls, and dry sweep). Instead use a squeegee and dust pan or an oil mop.
- Replace your petroleum naphtha solvent sink with an aqueous-based sink or parts washer.

Solid Waste Reduction

- Order recycling containers for newspapers, cardboard, plastic, and glass.
- Order motor oil, anti-freeze, and other fresh fluids in bulk, rather than in multiple, individual containers.
- Eliminate the use of spray cans. Replace with brake cleaning sinks or refillable spray containers.

Energy Savings

- Replace T-12 bulbs and fixtures with T-8s whenever feasible to produce good lighting with lower energy use.
- Install timers or motion sensors to shut off lights in rooms that are not in constant use throughout the work day.

Water Savings

- Eliminate unnecessary car washing. For exterior cleaning use only plain water or prevent soapy water from entering a storm drain.
- Check your water bill monthly to look for and investigate spikes in use that may indicate a leak in your plumbing.

The sustainability of a business is dependent on the decisions made regarding development and management practices. Overall, it is in the best interest of a business to ensure best management practices are incorporated in all levels of decision making to preserve and protect the natural and human environments upon which its operation relies.